

# **IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: CRITERIA FOR MANDATED VACCINES FOR CHILDCARE CENTER AND/OR SCHOOL ENTRY**

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- PURPOSE:** To provide recommendations to the Washington State Board of Health on criteria to determine which vaccines should be required for childcare center and/or school entry.
- RATIONALE:** Many new vaccines for children and young adults are expected to be made available over the next few years. A number of these vaccines will end up on the *ACIP Childhood and Adolescent Recommended Schedule* of vaccines. The board will face complex decisions as to which of these vaccines should be required in Washington State. Factors other than those considered by the ACIP will need to be taken into consideration in order to address the unique needs of our state. It is the belief of SBOH members that approaching this decision using rationale criteria is the best method of protecting the children of our state.
- WHO:** Immunization stakeholders from the fields of public health, school health, medicine, child advocacy, and medical ethics as well as consumers will provide recommendations to the Washington State Board of Health, to assist it with identifying the best criteria to use in determining which vaccines to require for childcare center and/or school entry.
- DESCRIPTION:** It is anticipated that the advisory committee will meet twice. The first meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2005 and the second is scheduled for January 25, 2006. The meetings are timed to coordinate with the immunization work group that the Department of Health (DOH) is establishing to recommend criteria to determine the public health benefit of vaccines either on the current list of vaccines covered by the program or new vaccines being approved nationally. The second meeting of the DOH immunization workgroup is December 5, 2005 and the third meeting is on January 19, 2006.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Dr. Kim Thorburn will chair the Advisory Committee meetings. There shall be approximately 20 members, representing the following sectors of interest:
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| Local Public Health | Public Health Epidemiology |
| Medical Ethics      | Parents                    |
| Pediatrics          | School Health              |
| Family Practice     | Community Healthcare       |
| DOH, DSHS, and OSPI | Academics                  |
| Children's Hospital | Child Advocacy             |